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SUBJECT: HOTEL SAFETY IN THE USSR

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WITHIN PAST SEVEN MONTHS LETHAL FIRES HAVE OCCURRED IN  
ONE OF MOSCOW'S NEWEST HOTELS (ROSSIYA) AND ONE OF ITS  
OLDEST (NATIONAL). PROBLEM LIES NOT IN PARTICULAR BUILDING  
OR BUILDINGS BUT IN GENERAL FAILURE TO USE FIRE RESISTANT  
MATERIALS AND TO INSTALL FIRE DETECTION/CONTROL SYSTEMS  
AND ADEQUATE FIRE ESCAPES. IT IS TRUE THAT SOVIETS ARE NOW  
TAKING URGENT STEPS AT SEVERAL MAJOR HOTELS TO RECTIFY MORE  
GLARING ERRORS IN FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS. GIVEN THEIR PAST  
PERFORMANCE IN THIS AREA, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT BE OVERLY SANGUINE  
ABOUT THE SHORT-RUN SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS. UNDER THESE  
CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO RECOMMEND ANY MOSCOW HOTEL  
TO U.S. BUSINESSMEN FROM STANDPOINT OF FIRE SAFETY.

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